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and the Mendelian 'laws' which have been enlisted in its support are assumptions which the facts do not warrant."

Here certainly is a challenge that, to say the least, cannot be considered wavering or indirect. Without discussing these iconoclastic ideas, it may be remarked that the author's conclusions are diametrically opposed to the inferences of practically every investigator who has derived his knowledge of the facts at first hand.

C. STUART GAGER.

FIELD MEETINGS OF THE TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB, SEASON OF 1907

Below is a list of the field meetings of the Club during the present season, as announced by the field committee. In a few cases, the program was not carried out on account of unfavorable weather.

- May 4. West Orange, N. J. Guide, Mr. P. Wilson.
- May 11. Great Notch, N. J. Guide, Mr. Frederick K. Vreeland.
- May 18. Hempstead, Long Island. Special excursion for violets. Guide, Miss Fanny A. Mulford.
- May 25. Mount Kisco, N. Y. Guide, Dr. P. A. Rydberg.
- May 30. Avon, N. J. Guide, Mr. P. Wilson.
- June 1. Long Beach, Long Island. Guide, Dr. R. M. Harper.
- June 8. Mountain Station, N. J. Guide, Mr. William H. Smith.
- June 15. Scarsdale, N. Y. Special excursion for fungi. Guide, Dr. W. A. Murrill.
- June 22. West Orange, N. J. Guide, Mr. R. C. Benedict.
- June 29. New York Botanical Garden and vicinity. Special subject: "The Care and Protection of Trees." Guide, Dr. C. Stuart Gager.
- July 1-7. Fourth Botanical Symposium. Joint meeting of the Torrey, the Philadelphia, and the Washington Botanical Clubs. Newton, Sussex County, N. J. Reported in *TORREYA* for August by Dr. Philip Dowell.
- July 13. Central Park, New York City. Guide, Dr. E. B. Southwick.

- July 20. Moonachie, N. J. Guide, Mr. George V. Nash.
 July 27. Little Falls, N. J. Guide, Dr. H. H. Rusby.
 August 3. Summit, N. J. Guide, Dr. P. A. Rydberg.
 August 10. Great Island, N. J. Guide, Dr. H. H. Rusby.
 August 17. Saw Mill Valley, Borough of the Bronx, New York City. Special excursion for mosses. Guides, Mrs. N. L. Britton and Mr. R. S. Williams.
 August 24. Sneed's Landing, N. Y. Guide, Mr. Norman Taylor.
 August 31. Richmond, Staten Island. Guide, Dr. Philip Dowell.
 September 7. Prince's Bay, Staten Island. Guide, Dr. Arthur Hollick.
 September 14. New Rochelle, N. Y. Guide, Miss Daisy Levy.
 September 21. Arlington, Staten Island. Guide, Professor L. M. Underwood.
 September 28. Mosholu, N. Y. Special excursion for asters. Guide, Professor E. S. Burgess.
 October 5. Hunter's Island, New York City. Special excursion for marine algae. Guide, Dr. Marshall A. Howe.
 October 12. New York Botanical Garden. Special subject: "Variations in Plant Organs; a Study in Morphology." Instructor and guide, Dr. C. Stuart Gager.

NEWS ITEMS

John H. Schaffner, associate professor of botany in the Ohio State University, will spend the present scholastic year in Germany and Dr. A. Dachnowski will act as substitute for him during his absence.

Dr. C. B. Robinson, assistant curator of the New York Botanical Garden since July 1, 1906, has been appointed economic botanist of the Bureau of Science of the Government of the Philippine Islands, and is planning to sail for Manila early in the coming year.

Dr. Harold L. Lyon has resigned the assistant professorship of botany in the University of Minnesota in order to accept a